GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that its another neighbouring country Myanmar has launched the programme of developing nuclear weapon capabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to safeguard India's security and national interest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b): Government has seen media reports indicating that Myanmar has a nuclear programme. Government of Myanmar has rejected these media reports as unfounded and fallacious.

(c): Government continuously monitors all developments having a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard it.